

Boston, spoke of the academic medical school in relation to the medical profession and to the community, and gave an outline of the social service work at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Section on Surgery. September 17, 1912.

1. Ileo-Appendicular Hernia. Dr. Lewis W. Allen.
2. Factors in the Physiology of Bone in Relation to Surgery. Dr. Arthur L. Fisher. Discussed by Drs. Raymond Russ, S. J. Hunkin, Sol. Hyman and A. L. Fisher.
3. On the Operative Treatment of Claw-Foot. Dr. J. T. Watkins.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section. September 24, 1912.

1. Dr. Kaspar Pischel showed three cases of glaucoma on which he had performed Elliott's trephining operation.
2. The Technic of Reclination in Tremulous Cataracts. Dr. P. De Obarrio. Discussed by Drs. Kaspar Pischel and P. De Obarrio. (To be published in California State Journal of Medicine.)
3. Report of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology. Dr. H. B. Graham.
4. Ear Noises. Dr. M. W. Frederick. Discussed by Drs. H. B. Graham and M. W. Frederick. (To be published in California State Journal of Medicine.)

During the month of October, 1912, the following meetings were held by the San Francisco County Medical Society:

Section on Medicine, Oct. 1, 1912.

1. Two Cases of Cerebellar Disease; with Autopsy Reports. Dr. W. F. Schaller. Discussed by Drs. Sol. Hyman and W. F. Schaller.
2. Report of a Case of Duodenal Stenosis with Gall Stones; Cured by Operation. Dr. W. C. Voorsanger and Dr. C. C. Levison. Discussed by Drs. J. L. Whitney, Francis Williams, Saxton Pope and W. C. Voorsanger.
3. A Case of Angioneurotic Edema Treated with Horse Serum. Dr. Francis Williams. Discussed by Drs. L. Eloesser, L. Breitstein and Francis Williams.

Regular Meeting, Oct. 8, 1912.

1. Demonstration of Case of Complete Achylia with Diabetes. Dr. W. C. Alvarez. Discussed by Drs. L. Eloesser, H. D. Kugeler and W. C. Alvarez.
2. Pancreatic Cysts, with Unusual History. Report of Case. Dr. Fred. Fehleisen. Discussed by Drs. S. J. Hunkin and W. C. Alvarez.
3. Report of Treatment of Intracapsular Fracture of Hip, with Specimen. Dr. H. B. A. Kugeler. Discussed by Drs. S. J. Hunkin and H. B. A. Kugeler.

Special Meeting, October 15, 1912.

At this meeting, Professor Carl von Noorden of Vienna spoke on Modern Aspects of the Theory and Treatment of Diabetes. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Society, many coming from Alameda and Santa Clara Counties.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section, Oct. 22, 1912.

1. Presentation of Cases Vernal Conjunctivitis; Retinitis Pigmentosa; Trauma. Dr. Victor Luchetti. Three Cases of Skin Graft Operation for Mastoid. Dr. H. B. Graham.
2. Vestibular Concussion. Dr. G. P. Wintermute. Discussed by Drs. H. L. Wagner, H. B. Graham, and G. P. Wintermute.
3. The Relation of Blood Pressure to Tinnitus. Dr. H. Y. McNaught. Discussed by Drs. H. B.

Graham, H. L. Wagner, W. F. Blake and H. Y. McNaught.

Section on Urology, October 29, 1912.

Symposium on Nephroposis: i. Medical Aspect. Dr. Harold P. Hill. ii. Surgical Aspect. Dr. Harold Brunn. iii. Urological Aspect. Dr. R. L. Rigdon. Discussed by Drs. J. H. Barbat, M. Krotozyner, J. L. Whitney, H. A. L. Ryfkogel, J. Rosenstirn, H. P. Hill, H. Brunn and R. L. Rigdon.

BOOK REVIEWS

A Doctor's Table Talk. By James G. Mumford. 12mo. Linen. 1912. Houghton Mifflin Co. Boston and New York. Price, \$1.25.

A little book of essays, reflective, reminiscent and admonitory by a successful surgeon. Written in firm, clear, but somewhat ornate English;—no, in firm, clear, but somewhat ornate American, for there is such a tongue.

The influence of Sir Thomas Browne, whom the author frequently cites, and of O. W. Holmes crops up all through the book. Mumford is at his best when he talks shop—most men are. "Doctor and Patient" and "Some Doctors and Their Troubles" are particularly good. The book will be of interest to every doctor and of considerable profit to many young ones. L. E.

Studies on Cardiac Pathology. By George William Norris, A. B., M. D., With Eighty-five Original Illustrations. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia and London, 1911.

It is with regret that the reviewer cannot approach his critique of this newer volume on cardiac pathology, with the intense enthusiasm a more helpful treatise would arouse. The author presents this most interesting pathological field regardless of the latter day advances in this field, and adding no information not already at hand, we fail to see any particular *raison d'être* for the work. Nearly all the standard works on medicine now extant, and certainly those on pathology include the information compiled in this volume. The photographic specimens reproduced are really the most praiseworthy feature of the work and well worth examination though not of sufficient importance to warrant its general sale among the profession. Aside from the sin of omission of the newer pathology the work must clear itself of the indictment of being published on very thick and expensive paper thus making a volume of unjustified size for the actual meat contained. It is padded with raw material. H. W.

The Practice of Gynecology, Fifth Edition Thoroughly Revised. A Text-Book on the Practice of Gynecology. For Practitioners and Students. By W. Easterly Ashton, M. D., LL.D., Professor of Gynecology in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. Fifth Edition, Thoroughly Revised. Octavo of 1100 pages, with 1050 original line drawings. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1912. Cloth, \$6.50 net; Half Morocco, \$8.00 net.

This book is clear, concise and complete. The excellent arrangement of its subject matter alone would account for its popularity. The arraying of each phase of a subject under a separate caption carries with it some danger of making a work too schematic and too liable to lead its readers into working and memorizing by rule of thumb, but it greatly conduces to ease of reference—and that is what the "busy practitioner" and the busier student (particularly when he is cramming for his examinations) want. The standpoint of the author in regard to treatment is sane and conservative. The only thing to be objected to in the book is the illustrations, many of which are ridiculously futile. What is the use of introducing line-drawings of a bath-thermometer,